

CANNED AND CURED FISH

Pilchard

PILCHARD PACK: During December, landings of pilchards at California ports continued to lag behind those of the 1944-45 season, with a decline of 47,432 tons under the December 1944 figure, according to reports from the California Sardine Products Institute and the California Division of Fish and Game. The pack of canned pilchards from December 2 through the 29th amounted to 329,663 standard cases compared with 629,141 standard cases for the corresponding period in 1944. The season's pack from August 1 to December 29 rose to 3,170,756 standard cases, 4 percent above the 1944-45 figure to December 30.

California Sardine Landings, Canned Pack and Byproducts

Item	Unit	M O N T H			S E A S O N	
		1945 Dec. 2-29	1945 Oct. 28-Dec. 1	1944 Dec. 3-30	1945-46 Aug. 1-Dec. 29	1944-45 Aug. 1-Dec. 30
Landings	Tons	27,411	79,182	74,843	351,125	485,382
Canned	1 lb. ovals-48 per case	77,884	249,059	193,159	1,003,460	1,185,899
	1 lb. talls-48 per case	241,907	659,657	408,481	2,031,843	1,717,259
	1 lb. fillet-48 per case	-	-	354	-	4,327
	1 lb. round-96 per case	9,228	14,824	13,678	43,848	51,688
	Unclassified	644	9,372	13,646	91,605	84,813
	TOTAL, Std. 1 lb.-48 per case	329,663	932,912	629,141	3,170,756	3,041,922
		<u>December</u>	<u>November</u>	<u>December</u>	<u>Aug.-Dec.</u>	<u>Aug.-Dec.</u>
Meal	Tons	5,086	8,816	11,593	50,798	74,711
Oil	Gallons	609,112	1,403,751	1,749,234	10,805,320	16,735,172



Shrimp

SHRIMP PACK: Since shrimp supplies continued to be absorbed by fresh markets, canning operations remained greatly curtailed, according to reports of the U. S. Food and Drug Administration received from plants served by its Seafood Inspection Service. From December 2, 1945, to January 5, 1946, 15,551 standard cases of shrimp were packed, raising the season's total to 116,867 standard cases, 70 percent below the 1944-45 figure to January 6.

Wet and Dry Pack Shrimp in all Sizes in Tin and Glass--Standard Cases*

M O N T H			S E A S O N		5-yr.-average July 1-Jan. 4
1945-46 Dec. 2-Jan. 5	1945 Nov. 4-Dec. 1	1944-45 Dec. 3-Jan. 6	1945-46 July 1-Jan. 5	1944-45 July 1-Jan. 6	
15,551	15,767	22,041	116,867	387,850	505,944

*All figures on basis of new standard case--48 No. 1 cans with 7 oz. per can in the wet pack and 6½ oz. per can in the dry pack.



Tuna

TUNA PACK: The production of canned tuna by California packers during December totaled 274,327 standard cases, according to the California Division of Fish and Game. This was one percent less than the November pack, but exceeded the production in December 1944 by 57 percent. The total pack for the year 1945 amounted to 3,546,658 cases, 22 percent greater than 1944.

The pack of mackerel by California packers during December was 145,153 standard cases, 20 percent less than November and 5 percent under December 1944. The 12-month pack of 635,889 cases was 36 percent below the pack in 1944.

California Pack of Tuna and Mackerel--Standard Cases*

Item	December	November	December	Twelve mos. ending with December--	
	1945	1945	1944	1945	1944
	Cases	Cases	Cases	Cases	Cases
Tuna:					
Albacore	28	9,508	11,543	473,652	445,938
Bonito	2,668	9,351	2,387	49,379	8,496
Bluefin	1	557	732	265,052	367,736
Striped	65,153	86,794	29,787	537,026	362,917
Yellowfin	177,906	126,302	91,188	1,457,630	908,870
Yellowtail	2,396	3,161	237	16,203	19,867
Flakes	26,175	40,901	38,893	731,518	789,122
Tonno style	-	-	-	16,198	15,365
Total	274,327	276,574	174,767	3,546,658	2,918,311
Mackerel	145,153	181,485	152,145	635,889	986,192

*Standard cases of tuna represent cases of 48 7-ounce cans, while those of mackerel represent cases of 48 1-pound cans.



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